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Surveying Ry. Route.

"The surveyors for the Kootenay Central Railway are in the field in earnest. There is no question about it. Ford has been received that W. T. S. Armstrong with a force of 16 men are now at Galloway, with Fort Steele and Golden as their objective point, this is the final step before actual construction"—Fort Steele Prospector.

The Outcrop learns from another source that the survey party is actually at work and that there are now good reasons advanced for the construction of a railway through this valley. It is of little use to deny that the resources along the proposed route are not developed sufficiently to warrant construction at present. But now it is stated that the C.P.R. has an option on all K.C.R. shares until sometime in October, this we learn from a shareholder, and it is stated that A. C. Mitchell, the C.P.R. surveyor who passed through here last May, reported to the company that it was possible to get a splendid grade over the entire route. The report was so favorable that the company are said to be of the opinion that this route can be used to advantage as the main line of the C.P.R. By connecting at Golden with the main line and at Fort Steele with the Crow's Nest four or five hours time could be gained and the heavy grades east of Golden avoided, besides the route would be of much service in transporting coal to the coast. The saving of time and heavy grades are the paramount reasons to be advanced at the present time, for the geography of the country otherwise leaves it at the mercy of the C.P.R., whose policy is to wait for development rather than to develop new district, which after all is said is only "strictly business." This really appears on its face to be good news, and while few expect to see more than a survey made this year, everyone will be happy to see the iron-horse two years hence—so mote it be.

JOHN BULMAN BANQUETTED

His Friends Present Him With a Purse

At 9 o'clock on Saturday night about forty men sat down to a banquet in the Windermere Town Hall tendered to Mr. John Bulman as a means of conveying to him their respect of his departure and best wishes for his success in the future. At the centre of the long table across the hall sat the chairman, Mr. B. R. Bruce, and beside him the guest of the evening, while at the end of the two tables, along either side, the two vice-chairmen, Messrs. J. C. Pitts and F. C. Stockdale, were seated; and the three tables were lined with prominent men of the district, representing every profession, business and industry.

The banquet was given under the auspices of the Columbia Lodge of the Masonic order, of which Mr. Bulman is a prominent and active member, and to their credit be it said the entire evening was made most enjoyable, not forgetting that the excellent edibles and liquors were provided by the Windermere Hotel proprietor.

The supper being done full justice to cigars were lighted and then the following program was introduced, each item being heartily responded to:

The chairman proposed: "The King."
Chairman: "The Army and Navy," responded to by Captain Thorold and Lieut. Blacklock for the Army and Captain Armstrong for the Navy, the latter singing "Jerusalem."
Chairman: "Our Host," Mr. Bulman responding.

Song, "Will He No Come Back Again," by Rev. Mr. Smyth.
Presentation by Mr. Pitts, and responded to by Mr. Bulman.
Song, "Parlane," by Mr. Behler.
Mr. Bulman, toast: "Mr. Bulman," responsive Messrs. Howard, Sidney and Lance Bulman.
Dance, "Holland Schottische," by Messrs. Biddle and McMahon.
Mr. Power: "Mineral Industry," by Messrs. Foster, Montzambert and E. J. Sheldahl.
Song, "John Peel," by Mr. Montzambert.
Song, "Cock Robin," by Mr. W. T. Taylor.
Chairman: "Good Health," by Mr. C. Cameron.
Mr. Stockdale: "Our Commercial Interests," Messrs. Yates, Kuttan and Behler.
Song, "North Sea Waals," by Mr. W. S. Rattane.
Song, "In the Good Old Summer Time," Mr. Yates.
Chairman: "Agriculture," Mr. Blackstock and Mr. Toyer.
Song, "We'll All go Hunting Today," Mr. Blacklock.
Song, "Break the News to Mother," Mr. W. Chamberlain.
Mr. Stark: "Transportation," Capt. Armstrong, Mate Russell and Furrer Patmore.
Song, "Klondike Jail," Captain Armstrong.
Song, "Emberlins," Mr. Russell.
Song, "Charmagne," Mr. Griffiths.
Mr. Foster: "Frodo's Song," Messrs. Smyth and H. Macdonald.
Song, "The Rural Club," Mr. Smyth.
Mr. Pitts: "Civil Service," Mr. Smith.
Mr. Smyth: "The Ladies," Mr. C. Cameron.
Mr. Macdonald: "The Press," Mr. Evans.
Song, "Raging Main," Mr. Stockdale.
Song, "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," 50 lines.
It will be admitted that the program was a lengthy one, and, the time, it is hardly to be expected that a full report can

be given in the space at our command, such as we would like to give it. Yet, each and every speech and song was worthy of the applause so generously bestowed.

Following is a condensed report of the chairman's remarks in proposing "Our Host":
"In proposing the toast to 'Our Host' I feel it is a comparatively regretful one. We are sorry to lose him from here, still Mr. Bulman is not leaving the district entirely and it is pleasing to know we may occasionally see him. I think it a good plan to pause for a day from work to compliment a man who is so worthy. Eleven years ago Mr. Bulman came to this valley and built for himself and family a beautiful home at Thunder Hill. When travelling to Fort Steele we all used to arrange to spend a night with Mr. and Mrs. Bulman, and were always sure of a pleasant evening. Mr. Bulman moved into town and the noise and bustle of the city took up the responsible duties of mining recorder four years ago. Few knew him then as we all know him now. Then he was a comparative stranger, but now a living friend. In his office he was ever faithful and obliging and if we got tangled up Mr. Bulman helped us out. With that courteous manner he won our hearts and respect and made a record as a Mining Recorder. He always carried the same kind spirit into everything, as an engineer and Masonic circles, on the stage and in social life. He had a particularly happy way in organizing successfully the Windermere Rifle Association, and no doubt he recognized that the formation of a ladies auxiliary was the only way to make it permanent. Now, here's to Mr. Bulman. We wish him good speed and success, with congratulations to Golden." The toast was drunk heartily while cheer after cheer was given and "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" rang again and again.
Mr. Bulman's reply was short but his feelings were easily discernible. He said in part: "Mr. Chairman, gentle men, my friends, I am up against it tonight. You know I am no speaker and you render me speechless by your kindness. I do not think I am worthy of all that has been said. Friends and brothers you do not know me. I think my defects more than balance my virtues. I never in my life felt it so hard to say goodbye, but it has been ordered and I must go. I feel I need to have to leave my little home and my friends. Yet I know that I will meet kind friends in Golden and meet you all occasionally. I have done my best to 'live and let live.' Have done my best to do my duty to one and all and have not heard of any complaint. I am grateful to find I have so many friends. If I have any enemies I am quite willing to take them to the foot and say, 'Good bye you.' Friends, never be forgotten by me. Friends, am not much of a speaker, but I think you from the bottom of my heart to this kindness."
Mr. Pitts made a very neat and concise address in presenting Mr. Bulman with a purse which he said was given as a fund that it was impossible to obtain a suitable present.
In reply to this presentation Mr. Bulman was visibly affected and said: "My friends, I don't know how to thank you. I know I am not deserving so it kind words. I sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart. Kindly excuse me from further remarks."
Mr. and Mrs. Bulman left on the Parnagian Monday morning for Golden.

THE CULMIFEROUS POST

Entomologist J. W. Cockle of Kaul gave the following useful information through the Nelson News:
Recently I called attention to the prevalence of the large quantities of variegated culmiferous eggs. Many of our local

agriculturalists destroyed thousands of these eggs and in this way secured a partial immunity from the attack of the swarm of caterpillars which will surely result. To combat these it is necessary to poison them with Paris Green which can best be accomplished by the following method:
Take a pail of water to which add two pounds of sugar, with this damp 50 pounds of bran and add to it one pound of Paris Green, thoroughly mixing it. Piles of this may be laid along the borders of flower and vegetable beds, each pile being covered by a shingle or board laid flat on the top of the piles, and caterpillars will be found to frequent these piles and be poisoned. When chickens are kept great care should be taken to place only small piles of bran covered to prevent the chickens reaching the poisoned bran. If this treatment is promptly carried out, there is no reason to anticipate the disastrous results which were in evidence in 1903 when swarms of this destructive culmiferous swarmed all over the province. The supply of poisoned bran should be renewed at least every week. In the case of rows of cabbage and like plants the bran may be advantageously covered with large cabbage leaves to cover it from drying up by the sun and afford a shelter to which the caterpillars may resort.

DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

M. McMillan and A. McKenzie are down from the Diamond group, Spring creek.

The assessment work on the Hot Spring, on Tuley creek, has improved the property considerably.

Mrs. G. M. Hooten arrived on the Parnagian Friday from Golden and will visit Mrs. Evans a few weeks.

Lost—A quilted saddle blanket, between Wilmer and the Wilmer saw mill. Finder will be rewarded at this office.

V. F. Dunn had some very large new references for July 12th and sent a sack of them to this office, which was thoroughly appreciated.

Mrs. J. C. Pitts and two daughters left Wilmer on Monday's Parnagian en route to Seattle and other points on an extended visit.

P. Michelson has just completed considerable development with good results on the Black Eagle group, situated on Mineral creek.

W. Morphet and P. Michelson have boxed two promising claims about 18 miles up No. 2 creek, which they have named Queen Esther No. 1 and No. 2.

On Sunday Mr. E. R. Bruce gave a very pleasant 5 o'clock tea at his Wilmer villa in honor of the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Bulman, when a large number of ladies and gentlemen were present.

P. Peterson came down from the Paradise mine last week, where he has been working steadily for over a year, having spent only a half day in town during that time. That is a long stay on the hill.

Wm. Hoist has just completed the packing of 15 tons of Teanum ore down to the Horse Trail wagon road, from where it will be hauled to the Wilmer river landing in wagons and shipped to the smelter.

To Manufacture Lead

A Rossland despatch says the Canadian Smelting Works at Trail will inaugurate a new industry in Canada by manufacturing the complete lead products. The machinery is now at the smelter to manufacture lead pipe and the smelter will be in the market with the pipe in thirty days. Plans are being prepared for sheet lead machinery, another important branch of the industry. Contracts are about to be closed for corroding works, to be located in Montreal, with the probability of a small branch corroding plant at Trail for the western market. The total estimated outlay for the manufactories is \$100,000. During the week the biggest shipment of Canadian refined silver in the history of the country went out from Trail to China. It consisted of 70,000 ounces, valued at \$40,000. The smelter is handling 600 tons of best copper ore daily and 100 tons of silver-lead ore and concentrates. The management will blow in No. 2 lead stack next week, doubling the capacity of the lead works. The refinery is turning out 11 tons of lead daily. It will be increased to 25 tons daily on the arrival of a car of acid now in transit. The plant is now employing 350 men. The Kootenay mines are now producing on the basis of 30,000 tons of lead annually.

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The Peterborough Trading Co. has Agency for The International Harvester Co.

R. S. Gallop returned last week from a trip over the mountains to Kasko and made a trip to Golden on the stage.

Colin C. McKay is having a home built for irrigating purposes and is making many other improvements on his ranch north of Wilmer.

C. W. Riley went up to the Paradise mine on Monday to fill the position of foreman during Mr. Watson's absence. The miners are glad to have their old foreman back again.

Foreman Watson came down from the Paradise mine on Sunday accompanied by Mrs. Watson, and on Monday left via Cranbrook for West Kootenay to enjoy a few weeks holiday.

C. M. Keeney arrived from Fort Steele on Sunday, accompanied by a mining, and has gone up to examine the Silver Belt in the Paradise basin and will do some work on the Silver Crown.

M. P. McAndrew was in Wilmer on Monday doing some recording.

His partners came over the divide from Kasko and has been working for some time on the Outcrop group, on the North Fork of Tuley creek. He reports a new strike on the group, further down the hill from the first work, and is very much pleased with the showing now on the property. He has gone up to do some more work and will go back over the mountains to Kasko.

There is only one way to advertise, and that is to hammer your name, your position, your business, so constantly, so persistently, so thoroughly into the people's heads that if they walk in their sleep, they would constantly turn their faces toward your store. The newspaper is your best friend in this of all your outlets. It helps to build up the community that supports you. When the day comes that the newspapers are dead, the people are near the edge of the grave, with no one to write their epitaph.

Some men seem to think it clever to display a bad temper in a crowd and swear heartily in the presence of ladies. A dip in the drink might teach and fellows this is at least a semi-civilized custom.

Biting service is held every Sunday evening in St. Peter's Church, Wilmer, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

GOLDEN NUGGETS

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Golden, B.C., July 16—

The entertainment given at the town at Mrs. F. P. Armstrong's place Wednesday evening by the Ladies' Guild of St. Paul's church was an entire success. The lawn was prettily lit up with Chinese lanterns. Ice cream, strawberries, lemonade, tea, etc., were served. The fortune tellers tents were well patronized by those who wished to look into the future, but Capt. Armstrong's "Aunt Sally" was the centre of attraction. The Captain is always to the front when anything interesting is at hand. The handsome sum of \$117 was realized.

On Saturday night A. Frazer, night watchman on the North Star steamer and Government dredge, was drowned in the Columbia river. It is supposed the dredge in crossing the channel to reach the Star fell into the water. Mr. Frazer is well known in this district, being an old timer. His nephew, Geo. Frazer, of Calgary, arrived on Tuesday to attend the funeral.

On Wednesday A. Macfarlane, manager of the C. E. R. H. 3rd at Field, and a party of tourists arrived on the 10:45 train from Field and were taken up on the steamer Parnagian for a few hours (trip) on the river, returning in time to catch the train back to Field at 3:30.

J. Taylor, father of Dr. Taylor of Golden, who has been visiting in town the last three weeks, returned to his home in Ottawa on Tuesday last. Mr. Taylor is delighted with his trip and speaks highly of this country.

The Columbia River Lumber Company's mill was forced to close down for a few days this week on account of high water.

H. E. Foster and J. Bulman left on the Parnagian for the upper country on Friday. Mr. Bulman will return on Monday's train.

O. D. Boar and Ole Oberg left on Tuesday for Ice River looking over the Shining Beauty, the mining property owned by the Labovos Co.

The Mines Board of Prince Rupert are in town for a few weeks, the guests of Mr. A. B. Macdonald.

Hon. F. W. Aylmer left for west on No. 1 Tuesday.

J. E. Griffith left for Windermere on Friday and will be back about 10 days.

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W. P. FRASER,

Publisher and Proprietor.

WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1904.

Had every investor in the various mining companies that have been formed to develop properties in North East Kootenay taken heed to the following hints this resourceful country would be an entirely different one today. The "wild-cat prospector" is an endless theme for investors, yet they are in the minority as compared with the "wild-cat investor," and it is now evident that the prospector should be as careful to investigate the merits of a company buying his property as the company is careful in examining his mineral claims. Many a prospector with a good prospect has lost thousands of dollars through allowing a company with insufficient funds for developing purposes to bond his claims. Once such a company is obliged to abandon a property it is very difficult to get a responsible company to even look at it, and, therefore, it is little wonder that the prospectors are suspicious and hard to deal with. The following should be carefully digested:

Do not be guided by the prospectus which consists of a string of eloquently worded inanities. Do not believe the report of the expert which is usually attached to the prospectus, unless the said report will bear the most careful scrutiny of yourself and of such of your friends as may be experienced in mining.

Do not judge the capacity of the directors for conducting such an important concern as a mine by their titles. The names looked for should be those of well-known business or commercial men in the cities and towns, of directors in successful mines; of mining engineers or the partners of well-known mining firms; and, most of all, the real magnates in the mining world who will take care that their names shall not be mixed up in a directoral capacity with any company likely to be a failure.

Do not for a moment consider the advisability of taking shares in a mine which is not provided from the start with sufficient working capital. The smallest amount of working capital asked for must be \$150,000 in case of a speculative venture, and \$250,000 when anything specific or definite is undertaken such as sinking a deep level shaft or driving a tunnel to locate the continuation of any reef. This sum must be in cash not in the shape of half cash, half reserved shares. It must be understood that no mine can be developed and equipped on a sound scale for \$250,000. This sum is to be devoted to development only. If results are favorable a further large amount still remains to be provided by the shareholders.

Do not favorably consider a scheme in which the vendors propose to annex 60 or 80 per cent of the shares. As a rule the unproved ground, which is usually floated as a mine, has only cost the vendors the price of pegging out and surveying or at most \$10,000. If the company in which you have applied for shares goes to allotment, make it your business to find out how much of the working capital stipulated for has actually been subscribed.

Do not in the early days of the mine's existence, believe all that newspapers or printed circulars say as to its success. It takes many months to prove a mine.

Do not, assuming that all the vendor shares are "pooled" and that the market is being worked by one man, believe in the genuineness of tape or the stock exchange quotations.

Finally, and most important of all:—Be satisfied with a reasonable or even a small profit. When you decide to sell do not give your brokers a limit, slightly above that at which the shares then stand, but sell immediately and fight out.

Thus should the novice, or the speculator, who has no accurate sources of information, conduct his mining operations, at least when dealing with new and unproved mines. If everyone were to follow the rules laid down above only about 20 per cent of the mines now floated would have proceeded to allotment. Even then, of course, the speculator could not assure himself against loss but he would greatly minimize the risk, and at the same time would have the satisfaction of dealing with the business in a commonsense and perhaps profitable manner.

A common error indulged in by the prospector, the expert miner and the scientific mining expert, is that in their own experiences in and observation of great mines they create an ideal mine to which they expect all other mines to conform. If the prospector has made a lucky strike in a contact vein, then ever afterwards he is prone to overlook promising prospects in other formations, oftentimes escaping a fortune by expecting nature to conform to his idea of what a mine should be.

Not many years ago Prof. Walton, of London, than whom there is no fairer man to the prospector and mine owner, was shown a piece of yellow porphyry containing visible specks of native gold. "Ah!" said the professor, "gold in yellow porphyry!" "Is that a favorable indication?" asked the simple man. "Indication, my boy, never mind the indication; when you find a rock carrying gold you just go ahead and dig on it as long as it lasts." Thus laying down a rule that can be profitably followed by prospectors and miners.

Rev. Fraser will conduct services every Sunday in Wilmer at 11 a.m. Altitude at 2 p.m. and Wilmer at 8 p.m., excepting the first Sunday in each month, when he holds services at Glacier.

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THICKS IN SNOW.

A Trip to Canada in Winter and Some of the things I saw. By Walker.

A few days before the recent January thaw I started for a tramp through the snow-covered woods. The thermometer stood at 10 below zero, but as the snow was 20 inches deep on the level, the exertion of getting through it made me gloving warm before I had gone half a mile, and when occasionally I got out of the wind the air seemed almost springlike.

Whether we enjoy winter or dislike it depends largely on whether we are prepared for it or not. Cold weather has no terrors for us if we know that we are not going to be cold in it, and half the nuisance of snow is gone if we are sure that we can go where we like without getting our feet or clothing wet.

In other words, with warm clothing and a pair of rubber boots, or snowshoes if the snow is deep enough, there is nothing to prevent any healthy person from enjoying himself in the worst weather. Let winter can turn out for a winter walk in the country an overcoat is a mistake; it traps in the snow and continually gets in the way. What one requires is some form of clothing which will permit perfect freedom of movement.

With such clothing one can afford to dress lightly for a winter walk. A country athlete knows, a man can keep himself warm in zero weather with practically no clothing at all. If he is allowed to keep moving at his best pace.

A pair of gloves, however, will go a long way toward making one enjoy a walk on a bitterly cold day. Not kid gloves, but a good leather pair, which allow for a generous air space around your hands, and with exoskeletons which come over the cuffs of your coat, and keep out not only the wind but the snow.

And if you are going alone in bad weather, it is a wise precaution to tell your friends which direction you intend to take, and the length of time you expect to be gone. When the snow is deep and the air intensely cold, a straggled death, if assistance does not arrive in time.

A Red Squirrel at Home.

I had not gone far into the woods when, in passing a low-growing wild apple tree, I noticed that the surface of the snow beneath it had been disturbed in an irregular manner. It was furrowed, and here and there there were holes leading into little runways, which extended downward as far as I could see. The holes were much too large to have been made by a meadow mouse, and quite too small for a woodchuck. I doubt if I should have discovered what animal had made them, if the impudent head of a red squirrel had not appeared suddenly at one of the holes.

He had a look of astonishment on his face and a small apple in his mouth. He dropped the latter on the snow in front of him, but refrained from picking it up for about five seconds, or until, with a frightened squeal, he darted to the invisible regions below.

The little apple, lying upon the snow, told a pathetic story of the little fellow's hunger, and of his efforts to satisfy it. And I wondered if he had any sense keen enough to tell him where such individual apples lay, or whether he trusted himself to the hope of finding out one occasionally.

Fauna Made by Rabbits.

Further on I came to a stretch of hilly country, covered with low-lying bushes and other bushes. And here I found the paths which the rabbits had made the night before, winding along these paths the twigs of the bushes under which they ran had been cut off clean, as though with a penknife, by the sharp front teeth of the rabbits.

And this the snow, which had done the animals an injury in one way, by covering up the twigs, did another way, lifting them to the height at which they could come to the tender twigs nearer the top of the bushes.

The grouse, too, had made use of the deep snow as a platform, from which to pick the huckleberries. In spite of their natural snowshoes, the birds had sunk quite deep in many places, and their trail was little more than a gutter.

And as I passed one of the bushes, I saw an old bird's nest which had been rooded by a white-footed mouse, and as I touched a twig, the tenant put his head out of the door to see what the matter was. But I stood very still, and presently he went in again, perhaps to curl up and to sleep again until the fall of night should make it convenient for him to go out in search of food.

But the most delightful incident of my walk occurred when I was near a house. A flock of hungry chickens flew into a maple tree above me, perhaps knowing that I had something to do with the many nut-brown seeds they have enjoyed this winter. One of them hopped to a branch close above my head, and I felt in my pocket for some broken nuts.

Taking off my glove, I extended the hand containing the offering, and I had his earnest attention in a moment. Here he came close to me, giving "Peewee" and "Peewee" into my face with his beady black eyes, as much as to say, "Is it all right? Come now, is it?" But while waiting for a reply, he flew up on my finger, calmly picked up a piece of nut, and flew back into the maple tree. With my finger delicately tingling from that delicate grasp, I went home feeling as happy as a bird.

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RIFLE SHOOT

Hammond Challenge Cup

The following are the scores made July 14th, in competition for the "Hammond Challenge Cup":
R. A. Klinton 2210
J. C. Pitts 2100
F. L. Snook 2000
W. Taiton 1900
C. Cameron 1800
E. St. G. Smyth 1700
J. D. Fraser 1600

Winners District Ladies Association.

Below are the scores made by the Ladies Rifle Association, at their range on Wednesday last, (rounds 10 rounds at 300 yards, highest point 50 points):
Mrs. Smyth 2500
Miss Betty 2400
Mrs. R. A. Klinton 2300
Mrs. Wainman 2200
Mrs. Stoddart 2100
Miss Matheson 2000
Mrs. Taiton 1900
Mrs. W. Taiton 1800
Mrs. J. Taiton 1700
Mrs. Dunn 1600

Rev. Fraser will conduct services every Sunday in Winemere at 11 A.M. and 8 P.M., excepting the first Sunday in each month, when he holds service at 10 A.M.

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